



## City of Seattle

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March 27, 2003

To The Men and Women of Our US Armed Services:

We write to express our gratitude and pride in your service to this country. Whatever the passionate political discourse regarding the war, it is important that your service and sacrifice not go unrecognized.

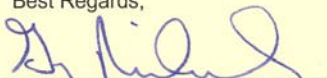
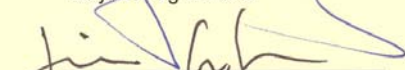
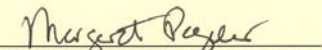
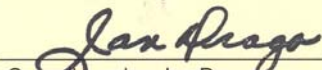
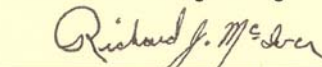


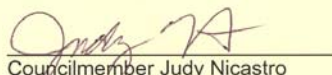
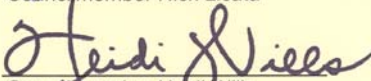
We have immense respect for and appreciation of your courageous service to our nation as a member of the military. Your service in our armed forces is one of the highest traditions of American patriotism.

The Puget Sound region serves as home base to one of the largest military contingents in the United States. We are grateful to have you as our friends, our neighbors, and members of our families.

We are mindful of the economic and personal sacrifices you make due to your military service. Whether deployed to the Persian Gulf or standing by at home, your gift to all Americans is extraordinary.

We wish you all the best, and hope you and all the men and women serving overseas return home safe and sound.

Best Regards,

  
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